

# Transportation and Infrastructure: Commercial Driver's License Workforce Development

NBWA represents over 3,000 independent beer distribution facilities across the U.S. that employ more than 140,000 hardworking Americans, many of whom hold a Commercial Driver's License (CDL). Drivers safely deliver thousands of labels of beer to licensed retailers throughout local communities, returning to the warehouse at the conclusion of the day. The nation's infrastructure system supports and strengthens industries across the U.S. and a well-maintained, efficient network of highways is crucial for the flow of commerce.

## NBWA Key Priorities:

- **CDL Legislation:** The nation is experiencing a widespread CDL driver shortage. **H.R. 1745/S. 659**, the DRIVE-Safe Act, bipartisan legislation in the House and Senate, would create an apprentice program to allow CDL holders between the ages of 18 and 21 to drive interstate and would also help grow the CDL driver workforce.
- **Infrastructure Investment:** Modernizing and investing in the nation's infrastructure is critical to the growth of our economy. Investments in our nation's roads and bridges will strengthen the supply chain and improve the safety of the traveling public.
- **Safety:** It is important to understand the effects of all forms of impaired driving, including marijuana impairment. More research is needed to develop reliable roadside detection mechanisms to measure all types of driving under the influence.
- **Sustainability:** Many NBWA members have transportation fleets that include alternative-fueled vehicles; incentives for the use of alternative fuels allow NBWA members to continue to develop fleets that are environmentally friendly.

## NBWA Encourages Congress to:

- ✓ Support strengthening America's workforce by cosponsoring H.R. 1745/S. 659, the DRIVE-Safe Act, by contacting:

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- ✓ Support meaningful efforts to increase the pool of eligible CDL drivers.
- ✓ Invest in infrastructure to generate economic growth and employment.
- ✓ Conduct further research on all forms of impaired driving.
- ✓ Support incentives for natural gas and alternative-fueled vehicles.